

DIVISION OF SENIOR BENEFITS AND UTILIZATION MANAGEMENT

COLA Income Adjustments for Senior Gold Eligibility

Adopted Amendment: N.J.A.C. 8:83D-6.2

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Adopted: July 1, 2004 by Clifton R. Lacy, M.D., Commissioner, Department of Health and Senior Services

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Effective Date: August 2, 2004.

Expiration Date: November 19, 2006.

Summary of Public Comment and Agency Response:

No comments were received.

Federal Standards Statement

The adopted amendment concerns a State-sponsored prescription discount plan and does not involve Federal law or Federal funds. However, all prescribed drugs covered under the Senior Gold Program are FDA approved and conform to Medicaid MAC Drug requirements. There are no other Federal standards or requirements applicable to the adopted amendment; therefore, a Federal standards analysis is not required.

Full text of the adoption follows:

8:83D-6.2 Income standards

- (a) Any single permanent resident of New Jersey who is 65 years of age or over or who is under 65 and over 18 years of age and is receiving Social Security Title II disability benefits must have a total annual income between \$20,437 and \$30,437 in 2004 to be eligible for Senior Gold benefits. These income limits will increase January 1 of each year in accordance with the Social Security cost-of-living increase. This amount shall not be more than \$10,000 above the applicable PAAD income eligibility limits for single persons. Recipients of other State-funded prescription discount benefits are not eligible for the Senior Gold Prescription Discount Program.

- (b) Any married person of New Jersey who is 65 years of age or over or who is under 65 and over 18 years of age and is receiving Social Security Title II disability benefits must have a total annual income between \$25,058 and \$35,058 in 2004 to be eligible for Senior Gold benefits. The income limits will increase January 1 of each year in accordance with the Social Security cost-of-living increase. This amount shall not be more than \$10,000 above the applicable PAAD income eligibility limits for married couples. Recipients of other State-funded prescription discount benefits are not eligible for the Senior Gold Prescription Discount Program.

1.-2. (No change.)

- (c)-(l) (No change.)

- (m) Beginning January 1, 2005, the Commissioner will provide notice of the new income limits annually by publication in the New Jersey Register.